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Navy to conduct major security exercise Feb. 22-25

Navy commands in Hawaii will participate in an annual security training exercise at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility, February 22-25. The week-long exercise, called Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2011, is the largest anti-terrorism/force protection exercise conducted nationwide across the Navy.

Shipyard employees may see aspects of this exercise, and the exercise may impact Shipyard employees' entry and exit times at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard-Hickam gates.

As the exercise commences, personnel aboard the installations will likely witness enforcement and emergency management teams responding to random emergency drills occurring during any time, on any day, at any location on the Joint Base. Shipyard employees will also hear announcements using the Giant Voice public address system. In addition, workers may receive notices through the Computer Desktop Notification System (CDNS).

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base operations. However, throughout the exercise, the levels of security will change and this may result in longer than usual waits for entry at security gates and increased traffic around the base. All personnel entering Joint Base may be subject to more scrutiny as they attempt to enter the base (e.g. identification checks, increased amount of random vehicle checks, security manpower adjustments, etc.).

Select gates will set and maintain higher force protection levels for extended periods of more than 24 hours. Temporary closure of all gates can be expected at some point during the exercise. Although a gate is briefly closed, it may take up to one hour for normal traffic flow to resume.

The following gates are recommended for routine access, although all gates will experience some delays due to increased traffic: Nimitz, O'Malley, Ford Island, Luapele, Whitmore, and commercial truck gates at Halawa, Kuntz, West Loch, and Wahiawa. Expect significant delays at the following gates: Makalapa, Borchers, Halawa (POV traffic), Fisher, and Lualualei.

Plan ahead and anticipate delays while transiting the base, specifically entering or exiting at base gates.

The exercise is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise to maintain a high level of readiness for naval installations.